Separate Sub-cadre for Homoeopathic Phyicians

2851. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have brought the physicians of Indian System of Medicines and Homoeopathy under the same sub-cadre of Central Health Scheme;

(b) if so, how this cadre is going to be operated when the proposed Directorate is only restricted to ISM and not Homoeopathy;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to set up a separate Directorate for Homoeopathy as the present proposal is for setting up of Directorate for ISM only; and

(d) if not, the details of the proposed arrangement to streamline the separate sub-cadre of Homoeopathic physicians?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The career management matters in respect of practitioners of all recognised systems of medicine are dealt with in the Ministry.

News item in Indian Express

2852. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a write up that appeared in the Indian Express of 26th February, 1994 under the title "A modern look at traditional wisdom."

(b) if so, whether Government would initiate measures to undertake research and empirical studies in our traditional medicines and health practices on a comprehensive basis to evaluate their efficacy;

(c) if so, what steps are intended to be taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The National Health Policy envisages development of each of the Indian System of Medicine according to its genius. Research activities are encouraged in Ayurveda in accordance with this policy.

Rise in the tropical infections in the country

2853. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated 2nd March, 1994 captioned "Tropical infections on the rise" indicating abnormal increases in inflammatory manifestations of lymphatic filariasis and Sexually Transmitted Diseases in children;

(b) whether it is also a fact that KALA AZAR or leishmaniasis, has re-emerged in the country and predictions against infectious disease control are proving inaccurate;

(c) if so, the details thereof and what preventive measures programmes Government have chalked out during the eighth plan period to check the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND